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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
TAX POLICY

Wednesday, December 9, 2015 10:30 a.m. Room 521, House Office Building

The House Committee on Tax Policy was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Jeff Farrington.

Members present: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Maturen moved to adopt the minutes from the Wednesday, December 2, meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid before the committee SB 616, SB 617, and SB 618:

SB 616 (Schuitmaker) Sales tax; exemptions; property exemption for data centers; provide for.

SB 617 (MacGregor) Use tax; exemptions; property exemption for data centers; provide for.

SB 618 (Hildenbrand) Property tax; exemptions; property exemption for data centers; provide for.

The following people submitted a testimony card in support of SB 616, but did not wish to speak:

Jennifer Smith, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Julie Rowe, representing the American Federation of Teachers Michigan.

Emily Laidlaw, representing the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators.

Jerry Johnson, representing the Genesee Intermediate School District.

Bob Kefgen, representing the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals.

Ray Telman, representing the Middle Cities Education Association.

The following people submitted a testimony card in support of SB 616, SB 617, and SB 618, but did not wish to speak:

Jim Kirsh, representing AT&T.

Todd Tennis, representing the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.
Allie Bush, representing the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce.
Stacie Behler, representing Meijer.

Sam Boumis, representing Oakland County, submitted a testimony card neutral on SB 616, SB 617, and SB 618, until local control and equal treatment to all counties and cities in Michigan is included, but did not wish to speak.

The following people submitted a testimony card in opposition to SB 617 and SB 618, but did not wish to speak:

Jennifer Smith, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards.
Julie Rowe, representing the American Federation of Teachers Michigan, as introduced.
Emily Laidlaw, representing the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators.
Jerry Johnson, representing the Genesee Intermediate School District.
Bob Kefgen, representing the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals.
Ray Telman, representing the Middle Cities Education Association.

Yan Ness, representing the Michigan Data Center Alliance, submitted a testimony card in opposition to SB 618, but did not wish to speak.

Tricia Kinley, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, submitted a testimony card in opposition to SB 616, SB 617, and SB 618, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Maturen moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to SB 616.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Maturen moved to report SB 616 as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 8-5-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Yonker, Iden, Webber, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: Representatives Somerville, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, and Townsend.

PASS: None.

Representative Maturen moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to SB 617.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Maturen moved to report SB 617 as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 8-5-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Yonker, Iden, Webber, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: Representatives Somerville, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, and Townsend.

PASS: None.

Representative Maturen moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to SB 618.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Maturen moved to report SB 618 as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 7-5-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Yonker, Webber, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: Representatives Somerville, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, and Townsend.

PASS: Representative Iden.

The following people presented on large-scale commercial single use building property tax assessments, commonly referred to as dark stores:

Representative Dan Lauwers.
Representative Aaron Miller.
Tom Lowery and Joe Bippus, representing the City of Three Rivers.
Tricia Kinley, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.
Judy Allen, representing the Michigan Townships Association.
Steve Currie, representing the Michigan Association of Counties.
Chris Hackbarth, representing the Michigan Municipal League.
Mike Johnston and Mark Perry, representing the Michigan Manufactures Association.
Jack Van Couvering, representing himself.
Don Olendorf and Jeff Mills, representing the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators and the ESA Legislative Group.
Brad Ward, Gene Szpeinski, and John Meyer, representing the Michigan Realtors.

The following people submitted a testimony card to present on large-scale commercial single use building property tax assessments, wishing to speak but were unable to due to time restraints:

Diana Norden, representing the City of Escanaba.
Derek Backerlag and Michael Lohmier, representing the City of Auburn Hills.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:10 p.m.

Representative Jeff Farrington, Chair

Kevin Gawronski
Committee Clerk
December 9, 2015
1 hour 40 minutes

Date Approved and Signed